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In re Patent Application of)
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For: SYSTEMATIC DISCOVERY OF)
NEW GENES AND GENES)
DISCOVERED THEREBY)

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application dated April 5, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the Specification with the substitute Specification provided herewith. The substitute Specification is in compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.52 and contains proper margins. Each sheet of the substitute Specification has a left margin of at least 2.5 cm (1") and top, bottom and right margins of at least 2.0 cm (3/4").

IN THE FIGURES:

Please replace Figures 1-6 as originally filed with substitute Figures 1-6 (9 sheets).

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REMARKS

Applicants herein provide a substitute Specification with the proper margins required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.52. the substitute Figures similarly have been amended to have proper margins. No prohibited new matter is believed to be introduced with the entry of the substitute Specification.

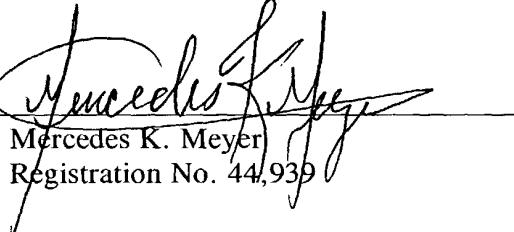
If any issues remain outstanding after consideration of this Response to Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned attorney so that prosecution may be expedited.

Respectfully submitted,

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